

the fine details themselves and would need to leave issues, like security, up to other agencies, including the sergeants at arms.

"This is an act of showing congressional support for New York," said Kori Bernards, a spokeswoman for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.), who supports the resolution.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. I wish to commend Chairman LEWIS, Ranking Member MURTHA, and their staff for again crafting a bill that is appropriate for those who risk their lives to protect our country, our freedoms, and our way of life.

We have learned in recent months that we live in an uncertain time and an unstable world. We in Congress must always remember that the first priority of the Federal Government is to provide for the national defense.

This bill delivers on that priority and demonstrates our commitment to our Nation's defense by providing \$317.5 billion in discretionary spending, \$19 billion over last year's bill. The bill ensures that our military remains the strongest, most prepared force in the world, and strengthens our efforts to deal with the new threats that our Nation faces by providing \$11.7 billion under the Counter-Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction Title. The bill also fulfills our obligation to house, clothe, feed, and provide for the health care of the members of our armed services and their families by providing a 4.6 percent pay raise and funding an increase in housing allowances.

Mr. Chairman, it is for these and many other reasons that I gladly support H.R. 3338 today and encourage my colleagues to do the same. At this very moment, men and women of our Armed Forces are overseas fighting a war on terrorism and evil. While we have all stood in this Chamber and commended them for their service, now is the time to support this vital legislation that will ensure our troops remain safe and successful, now and for years to come.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

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consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Chairman, the tragic events of September 11th have left a profound impact on this country. As a representative from New York, I have witnessed firsthand the destruction and grief endured by the survivors. I've watched our brave rescue personnel work tirelessly to recover lost loved ones. Cleanup crews continue to work around the clock in hope of rebuilding what was destroyed. There is no question that New Yorkers are united in their effort to overcome the challenges ahead of them.

As we know, in the aftermath of September 11th, Congress quickly passed the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States (P.L. 107-38). This supplemental appropriates \$40 billion and allows the Bush Administration to spend the first \$20 billion with minimal reporting requirements. The remaining \$20 billion can be spent only after the Administration has specifically requested it and Congress has passed a bill reported by the Appropriations Committee. New Yorkers were promised \$20 billion of these funds to help with relief efforts.

I supported this legislation because it stipulates that "not less than one-half of the \$40,000,000,000 shall be for disaster recovery activities and assistance related to the terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania . . ." However, only \$3.2 billion has been released and the Administration has only requested an additional \$6.3 billion for a total of \$9.5 billion. That's less than half of what was promised.

I am extremely concerned that New York is not receiving the full \$20 billion in emergency funds promised by the President in this bill. New York can not afford to wait for future legislation allocating the remainder of the \$20 billion in emergency funds it was promised. Overtime pay for cleanup workers must be paid. Unemployment Insurance funds are rapidly depleting. Continuation of COBRA must continue. These are real concerns that will require, at a minimum, the immediate allocation of the \$20 billion in emergency funds.

Equally important, however, is the urgent need to equip our military personnel with the resources and tools they need to prevent future acts of terrorism. We are at war with an enemy that is not restricted to country borders or even continents. The 7-percent increase in funding addresses many of our military's needs and prepares this country for the long road of eradicating all terrorists.

I have little doubt that New York will eventually receive the full \$20 billion promised by the President, but I would have preferred to receive these funds today. The President must not forget about New York, just as we have not forgotten about our brave men and women fighting overseas to prevent another attack similar to September 11th.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
KLAGER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of David Denison Klager who recently passed away in Creede, Colorado on November 1, 2001. David, known to others as Dave, will always be remembered as a dedicated contributor to the community. His passing is a great loss for a town that relied on Dave for his kind heart, knowledge, and friendship.

As a member of the Creede community, Dave was constantly volunteering his time and energy for beneficial projects in the area. He served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Homeowner's Association, President and Board of Directors for the Creede Repertory Theater, President of the Creede Historical Society, volunteer for the Creede Historical Museum, and member of the Arts Council. He also served as Senior Warden to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Dave was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed the many activities that Colorado can offer. He was an avid hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier and canoeer. His hobby was woodworking and his work can be seen throughout the City of Creede in places such as St. Augustine's Church, the "Art Park", and Creede Repertory Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Dave will be missed by the many whose lives he has touched in the community. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. His wife Courtney, daughters Kim, Karol, and Karen, as well as several grandchildren survive Dave. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of the Creede community. David Denison Klager dedicated his final years to his neighbors in the City of Creede, Colorado, and he will be greatly missed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3338, the Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002.

In this time of national awareness of the very real threat of terrorism, I believe it is our responsibility as lawmakers to ensure the readiness and quality of life of our military by providing these forces with the necessary resources, equipment and training to defend our nation's interests and to keep the American people secure. With our country at war, it is more important than ever to continue to support our armed forces and provide them with